

## BE PREPARED



For Up-To-Date Emergency & Weather Related Information, Listen to:

1. Local Radio stations
2. Cable TV : Channel 76
3. NOAA Weather Radio: 162.400 Key West, 162.450 Islamorada
4. Weather Channel

The Weather Channel has tropical Weather updates approximately 5 minutes before the top of the hour, 24 hours a day, during the hurricane season. When a tropical system becomes a threat to any U.S. coastal area, their coverage increases to at least 2 segments an hour.

## BEFORE A HURRICANE

Early in the Hurricane Season you should:

- Determine your destination (to a relative, motel, public shelter) in the event an evacuation order is given.
- Plan what you will do with your pet if a Hurricane threatens. Monroe County Shelters do NOT accept pets.
- Make arrangements to secure your boat
- Review your insurance policies and coverage.
- Take photos and/video footage of your property and store them with your important documents.
- Obtain necessary materials to protect your doors and windows
- Prepare an Emergency Supply Kit

## CONTACTS AND RESOURCES

### Monroe County Information Line

1-800-955-5504

[www.monroecounty-fl.gov](http://www.monroecounty-fl.gov)

[www.fl-keys.com](http://www.fl-keys.com)



Monroe County  
Emergency Management  
490 63<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 150  
Marathon, FL 33050

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1-800-955-5504

Phone (305) 289-6018

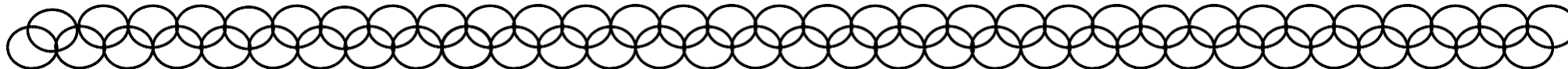
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# Hurricane Survival Guide



MONROE COUNTY



## DURING THE HURRICANE WATCH

As soon as a Hurricane Watch is issued for any part of Monroe County:

1. Closely monitor local radio for emergency instructions from Monroe County Emergency Management, & NOAA weather alert radio for Hurricane updates from the National Hurricane Center & local weather statements from Key West..
2. Do not use telephone anymore then necessary. Dial 9-1-1 only for Emergency.
3. Fill your bathtub with water for washing, cleaning, and to flush toilets (for use when water goes off)
4. Have a gallon of water per person, per day available to meet your drinking and cooking needs for a 2 week period.

## SPECIAL NEEDS REGISTRY

In order to meet the special Needs of persons who would need assistance during evacuations and sheltering because of physical, mental or sensory disabilities, Monroe County Social Services has a 'Special Needs Registry Program' that will offer assistance to persons with special needs living in the Keys during evacuation and sheltering. To be part of this program you **must** pre-register. For more information on eligibility and pre-registration, call (305) 292-4591 or visit our website at: [www@monroecounty-fl.gov](http://www@monroecounty-fl.gov)

## LIVE IN A MOBILE HOME OR RV?

You must evacuate regardless of your location or tie-down as it is not safe for anyone to remain in a mobile or travel trailer during storm conditions of ANY category. Evacuation of mobile homes and RV's may be ordered even before a Hurricane Watch or Warning has been issued.

## WHEN THE ORDER IS GIVEN TO EVACUATE

An orderly, but immediate evacuation will help ensure that you arrive safely at your destination.

- Take your Evacuation Kits with you.
- Take important documents: Insurance papers, phone numbers, medical records, drivers license, property photos.
- Turn off water, gas, and electricity
- Lock all doors and windows.

Remember that there are **NO SHELTERS** in Monroe County that would be safe in a category 3, 4 or 5 hurricanes. Evacuation becomes **MANDATORY** for everyone. After an evacuation has been ordered, you will not be able to get medical, fire-rescue or law enforcement help until the storm conditions subside, roads are made passable, and equipment is operable.

## EVACUATION KIT

- A map and compass
- Sleeping Bags and/or blankets
- Identification for everyone
- Important documents
- Extra Clothes, shoes etc.
- Books, games, playing cards, etc.
- Cash

## SHELTERING IN MONROE COUNTY

### FOR CATEGORY 1 AND 2 STORMS:

Monroe County Shelter s near your home:

1. Key West High School, 2100 Flagler Ave,
2. Sugarloaf Elementary, US 1, MM 19
3. Stanley Switlik, US 1, MM 48, Marathon
4. Coral Shores High, US 1, MM90

## OUT-OF-COUNTY-SHELTERING

### FOR CATEGORY 3, 4, 5 STORMS:

No shelters are Open in Monroe County, you **MUST** evacuate to the mainland.

Directions to Florida International University (FIU) Shelter: Florida Turnpike north toward Orlando. (aka 821 or West Dade Expressway.) Exit at US 41 SW 8<sup>th</sup> St (exit 25) Bear right and merge with traffic on SW 8<sup>th</sup> St. Take the first right, into the FIU Campus. Turn Right at the first stop sign and proceed on Campus Dr. until next stop sign at Panther Way near the Century Bank Arena. Continue straight. The Monroe County Shelter is located in the Recreation Center (Red, yellow & White bldg) on the left.

## WHAT TO BRING TO A SHELTER

- Water, Food
- Clothing, bedding
- Personal Supplies
- Baby Supplies
- Medications, First Aid Supplies
- Important Papers
- **NO ALCOHOL, OR WEAPONS**

